

To the FCC:

Sinclair Broadcasting should be rebuked and have its license withdrawn for its blatant attempt to influence the presidential election by airing an anti-Kerry pseudo-documentary in the days immediately preceding the election. This media corporation uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. When opposing views are not given equal time, the effect is that the corporation is controlling what people see and hear - hardly an effort in the public interest.

It is obvious in listening to VP Mark Hyman's opinion pieces on our local channel, that he has a particular agenda to sell. As a private person, he has that right - but he has no right to present his views as if they were the only right views and not to offer equal time to opposing views.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

Thank you for your attention.